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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Izuo Iida
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Title : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Examiner : N. Richards

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 24, 2004

In reply to the Office Action of February 24, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 11-16 and 19-21 are pending.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting the telephone interview on March 5, 2004 to clarify the latest claim amendments reviewed by the Examiner.

The Applicant notes that the Office Action refers to only the Applicant's September 23, 2003 reply to the final action of July 2, 2003. The amendments in that reply were entered at the time of filing a Request for Continued Examination on November 3, 2003.

The Applicant points out that a preliminary amendment also was filed on February 3, 2004 and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider that amendment and re-issue an appropriate action.

The Applicant does not believe that any fee is due. However, please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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